In the telephone interview of March 18, 2003, the undersigned reiterated the patentable distinctions of the present application over Issa *et al.* In response, the Examiner agreed with the undersigned and asked that a Request for Reconsideration be prepared summarizing the differences between the presently claimed invention and Issa *et al.* The Examiner is thanked for taking the time to speak with the undersigned regarding this case.

Issa *et al.* disclose an automotive automation/vehicle security system in which a radio-frequency (RF) remote-control transmitter 25 is used to control a control module 29 (see Figure 1). The output volume of the siren is controlled by varying the duty cycle of the siren power supply during siren chirps (see Column 5, lines 47-61 and Column 19, lines 16-44). The user has the ability to change the decibel level of the audible arm/disarm notification outputs as well as to turn them off, using the hand-held remote-control transmitter 25.

Each independent claim of the present application was previously amended to recite a building fire alarm system. It is respectfully submitted that this limitation alone patentably distinguishes over Issa *et al.* because Issa *et al.* fail to teach or suggest the use of a fire alarm system, much less a fire alarm system for a building.

The independent claims are believed to patentably distinguish over Issa *et al.* The claims recite the inventive concept of a system controller or control panel that controls audible alarms connectable to the system controller by a pair of lines, or notification appliance circuit. The audible alarms include a controller that controls the audible output in response to a remote control signal that is carried along the circuit from the system controller. Beneficially, the system controller 14, in one embodiment, can supply power over the same pair of lines that are used to carry the control signal to control the audible alarm output. It is respectfully submitted that Issa *et al.* fail to teach or suggest these additional limitations, and therefore each claim of the present application is in condition for allowance.